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Problems of the Purva

SUZUKO OHIRA

What is the Purva? Did it ever exist, or is it a mere fictitious literature? These are the old problems that have been argued till today,1 however they have remained yet as the new problems to be tackled. The important position of the Purva in the Jaina canonical literature is beyond doubt, for it is held in tradition as the source of the Anna literature. The term purva, meaning "old" or "early", and its derivatives such as Purvadhara and Purvavid make their appearance in the canonical texts belonging to the later Agamic stages.2 Also the contents of the Drstivada including the Purvagata enumerated in the present canonical texts evince that these are the important topics currently discussed in the later canonical stages. All these suggest that the Purva came into being involving itself with some serious problems arisen in the later canonical period. We would therefore like to know what were the problems directly involving the Purva and how these problems came into existence in the later canonical age, with a view to finding out what was meant by the Purva literature when it came into existence.

Major peculiar features involving the Purva known from its studies made until the present day are as follows:

 The Samavāya 211-226 and the Nandī 45-57 enumerate the contents of 12 Angas including the Purvagata which is placed in the Drstivāda.

The references to the canonical texts are based on the Suttagame in two volumes unless specified.

- For instance, H. Jacobi: Sacred Books of the East Series XXII, Introduction; W. Schubring: The Doctrine of the Jainax, §37-40. D. D. Malvania: Pannavanasuttam, Pt.2, English Introduction.
- Puvvavi appearing in the Acara I.4.4.261, 5.4.307, 5.6.328 and 6.5.384 in the Suttagame is respectively expressed as 'veyavi' in the Agamodaya Samiti edition.

(2) The Bhagarati XX.8 says that each Tirthankara teaches the Purva, Kālika-iruta (11 Angas) and Dreţtirāda in his own Tirtha, and the period of their duration are also mentioned in the context of 24 Tirthankaras' roles played in Bharata in Jambudvipa in the present cycle of Avasarpini. Mahavira's Purva is said to last for 1,000 years.

- (3) The Purva forms an independent literature different from 12 Angas as evinced, for instance, in the Nandt Theravalt 35 (39 in the Suttagame) that speaks of Nagariuna to have been the knower of Kälika-šruta and the Purva, and in the Catuhsarana 33 that enumerates 14 Purvi. 10 Purvi and 9 Purvi side by side 12 Angi and 11 Angi.3 Likewise. the Kalnasiitra Theravali4 sneaks about Mahavira's 11 Ganadharas (in 9 ganas) to have been 12 Angis as well as 14 Purvis. All these necessarily mean that the Purva is a literature different from the Destivada Also the Tattvarthasutra X 7 Bhasva refers to a rddhi called pada-prakarana-uddeša-adhvava-prahhrta-vastu-pūrva-angaamisaritya and its 1.20 Rhavya lists all the names of 12. Angas up to the Dertinata (but not the Destivada). We should also note in this connection that in the Angic story texts beginning with the Jūatādharma, 'sāmavikādi 14 Purvas' and 'sāmāvikādi 11 Angas' make their frequent appearance as the set phrases, but 'sāmāvikādi 12 Angas' or 'sāmāvikādi Prstivāda' never occur.
- (4) In the post-canonical tradition, the Purva is believed as the source of 12 Angas, for instance, in the Nambla Chrini (PTS p.25) and Namaviaya Tika (pp. 130-31), a well as the source of certain Angabiahyas. Also in the post-canonical age, it is generally stated that all the Angabiahya works that are devoted to the doctrinal or philosophical discussions have the Dritribal as their sources, and the Purva is also recognized as the source of Karmaprakrii, Puñicasangraha and other works on the doctrine of karma in both Syetambara and Digambara traditions.
- (5) The Bhagavari V.4.199 mentions that the 14 Purvi is possessed of a supernatural capacity called 'nikārikā bhada lahdhi'. The Tattvārthastura X.7 Bhāgya lists 14 Purvadharatva as one of the rddhis possessed by the performers of prihaktva and ekatva dhvānas which

³ D. D. Malvania: Ibid., pp. 205-206,

⁴ D. D. Malyania : Ihid., pp. 202-203

⁵ W. Schubri g : Ibid., § 38.

D. D. Malv ia: Ibid., pp. 207-208,

also include pada...vastu-pūrva-aiga-anusāritva. Likewise, the Āvasvaka Niryukti 69 includes Purvadharas in the list of the possessors of supernatural powers.⁷

- (6) The Tatträrthas@tra IX.39 mentions that the first two stages of jukla dhyāna are performed by the knowers of the Purva (i.e. Sruta-kevalis, that is, 14 Purvadharas according to the Sarvārthasiddii IX.37) in the 11th and the 12th gunasthānas, and the last two stages of sukla dhyāna directly leading to mokya are said in its IX.40 to be performed by Kevalis. This means that the achievement of kevala jānadarsana is the sole condition for attaining liberation, for which the attainment of the knowledge of 14 Purvas is the prerequisite. The story texts in the Jaina canon, as a rule, follow this rule that the heroes achieve salvation upon fulfilling kevali-hood. And many heroes who are described to have mastered 14 Purvas in these story texts are said to take birth in some deva lokas, obviously because they have not attained omniscience. Bhadrabahu is believed to have been the last 14 Purvadhara in both traditions, and Jambu is believed to have been the last 14 Purvadhara in both traditions, and Jambu is believed to have been the last 14 Purvadhara in both traditions, and Jambu is believed to have been the last 14 Purvadhara in both traditions, and Jambu is believed to have been the last Kevali in the Svestmbara tradition.
- (7) The Avativaka curai (Rattam, 1928) Pt. 2, p. 187 mentions that Sthulabhadra learnt 10 Purvas completely from Bhadrabahu, who taught the last 4 Purvas to the former without delivering their meanings on the condition that these should not be taught to the others, and the last 4 Purvas were thus lost with the death of Sthulabhadra.

The following points can be drawn out from the major peculiar features mentioned above:

- (A) Each Tirthankara is assigned to be the source of the Purva literature as well as the Anga literature in his own Tirtha. In Mahavira's Tirtha, Mahavira is therefore the source of 14 Purvas and 12 Angas.
- (B) The Purva involves itself with the karma doctrine, rådhis, kevala j\u00e4nan-dariana and sukla dh\u00fana to be performed for achieving liberation. This suggests that the Purva came into being entrusted with a certain role played in the context of the karma theory and the mechanism of liberation.
- (C) The Purva is understood to form an independent literature that is a class different from that of 12 Angas.

D. D. Malvania: Ibid., p 207.

- (D) The Purva thus gained an authoritative position came to be regarded as the source of 12 Angas and Angabāfyuar as well as the source of karma texts in the post-canonical age. This thought pattern does not occur in the canonical period, for Umasvati who stands at the end of the Agamic age states that the Ganadharas compile 12 Angas on the basis of a Tirthankara's teachings, and their later disciples compose Anaephilusus in due course.
- (E) Since the duration of Mahavira's Purva was stipulated to last for 1,000 years, the post-canonical Jainas began to justify why 14 Purvas came to be lost gradually.

It is evident from this that the key to solve the Purva problem lies in (B) above relevant to the karna theory and the mechanism of liberation, which are indeed bristled with all sorts of difficulties. Let us approach these problems one by one, being prepared for the unavoidable involvement with this and that of theoretical subject matters that require lengthy discussions.

What is the method of liberation is needless to say the fundamental thesis that any religious system in India proposes excluding the Carvakas, and it is necessarily based on the understanding why and how samsāru takes place. Mahavira received Parsva's doctrine that violence committed to all the hiving beings packed in the world causes samsāra which must have been developed from the widely spread belief in animism and vaira in the remote past, and founded an independent school by reforming the old doctrine in terms of the philosophy and language of the days. And one of his great contributions was that he adopted the karna theory in the place of the primitive theory of vaira, which enabled him to explain and propagate the doctrine of non-violence in more theoretical fashion in terms of the then prevalent philosophy and language of the day.

The Jaina doctrine of karma took a most delatory course of development in the canonical period, for it could have never been advanced untill the scheme of pudgala began to be developed which took place after the adoption of the atomic theory. The Tativarhasstra demonstrates the Karma theory developed at the end of the canonical age, which is yet elementary in comparison with the karma doctrine accomplished in the middle of the medieval age. As the karma theory developed, the Jainas in the later Agamic stages came to propose logically the eradication of total karma matters established in eightfold main tyoes alone leads not to attain liberation. This is as a matter of fact a logical conclusion of the karma theory. However it gave a revolutionary change to the old concept of liberation of the Jainas, for the action of violence that was proposed by Mahavira to be the sole cause in hindering one from achieving salvation came to be reduced to a partial cause in attracting eightfold types of karma in the then developed doctrine of

And this karma doctrine of the Jainas came to demand a sage to be endowed with kevala iñāna-daršana in order to be freed from samsāra. It is perfectly understandable if it is said that all the particulars in the system of itva-aitva so far developed should be known to a sage who is entitled to attain salvation. However, the karma theory developed in the later canonical stages attributed to kevala iñana-dariana a capacity that can perceive at any moment all the phenomena occurring in the universe in the three tenses of time. This is an absolute impossibility in reality. Liberation therefore came to be admitted impossible to be achieved by anyone any more. Even then, the Jaina authorities had to defend the reason d'etre of the Jaina school, and advocate that the Jainas are ever able to be released from samsara by being born in Mahavideha a utopain land in the Jaina universe. In this background arose an idea that 14 Purvadharas alone are entitled to accomplish kevali-hood and Keyalis alone can attain liberation. The Purva problems thus involve with the karma theory and the mechanism of liberation developed in the later canonical age. Let us now take up the individual problems relevant to the Purva

The rddhi which is also called siddhi or airvary in the other schools is commonly regarded as the supernatural capacity attainable by the performance of tapas; dhyāna or yoga. Rddhis play important roles in the Jaina school also in the process of achieving moke; a through performing iskla dhyāna. Among the fivefold knowledges of the Jainas, avadhi, manahparyāy and kevala jāāna that perceive objects without relating on sense organs are regarded as rddhis. Dariana occurs in immediate precedency to jāāna, therefore excluding manahparyāya which is devoid of dariana, avadhi dariana and kevala dariana are necessarily rddhis. Labdhi means the attainment of a canactir as such

Umasvati who systematized the Jaina account of dhyāna for the first time at the end of the canonical period explains in his Bhāŋya to the Tattrārthastītra X.7 that the performers of the 1st and the 2nd stages of sukla dhyāna obtain various types or rddhis such as animā, laghimā, mahimā, prākāmya, and so on. These rddhis include vituddhi-mati, avadhi, manāparvāya (said as pra-citire-filmon), pada-prākarna-uddes-

adhyāya-prābhyta-vastūpūrva-aṅga-anusāritva, bhinna-akṣaratva, abhinna-akṣaratva and 14 pārvadharatva. Umasvati continues to explain that he who has attained the capacities of such rādhis but has no desire or attachment to them destroys mohanlya karna totally. He is now the sage in the 12th gunasthāna. Then, within antarnuhūrra, he cradicates the rest of three ghātika karnas (i.e. jāṇāvaraṇa, darānāvaraṇa and antarāya) and becomes a sayoga-Kevali. Finally, upon expelling four aghātika karnas (i.e. redaniya, āyua, nāma and gotra), he becomes an avora-Kevali and ests liberated.

Sukla dhyāna which is the immediate cause of liberation consists of four stages, i.e. pṛthaktva, ekatva, sūkṛna-kriyā and samucchinna-kriyā. The Tatrivarthasītra IX.39 says that the first two stages of sukla dhyāna are performed by Purvavids or 14 Purvadharas. From Umasvatī's Bhāyay to X.7 aboye however, ir is obvious that the rdahi called 14 pūr vadharatva necessarily arises to the performers of the 1st and the 2nd stages of sukla dhyāna. Umasvatī must have thus laid down a rule that 14 Purvadharas perform these first two stages of sukla dhyāna, which does not mean that the performers of these dhyānas are the knowers of 14 Purvas from the beginning.

Various rddhis as such derived by performing these first two stages of lakla dhyāna are obviously used as a touchstone to find out whether the sages are with or without $kaj\bar{a}jas$ by way of testing if they are attached to the worldly useful supernatural powers as such. And he who is trapped by them is destined to fall to the last stage of guasathinan in order to make a fresh start therefrom. And only the sage whose spiritual purity is proved in this test is assured to proceed to the direct path for liberation. The then karma specialists stipulated here that mohantiya karma is eradicated without residue upon testfying the non-existence of worldly attachment to rddhis a such.

Among these radhis mentioned above, mahimā comes to be actually employed by a sayoge-Kevali when he performs kerali samudghāra by way of expanding his body as large as the universe in order to equalize the length of his redamya, nāma and gotra karmas with that of his āyus karma. And upon completing this samudghāra, the Kevali performs the 3rd stage of sukla dhyāna, and he achieves salvation upon entering the 4th stage of sukla dhyāna.

Therefore, the possession of such rddhis is indispensable for a sage who is promised to achieve salvation. All these may demonstrate how important a role these rddhis play in the mechanism of jukla dhyāna performed for the sake of rooting out the total karma matters in order to be freed from samsāra. Then, why does the rddhi called 14 pūrvadharatva that has obviously something to do with the Puva have to make its appearance in this very context? Before we proceed to this problem, the two scamine what kind of capacity is meant by this 14 pūrvadharatva.

Among the rddhis enumerated in the Tattvarthasutra X.7 Bhasav included are those relevant to the four types of knowledge excluding kevala iñana, i.e. visuddhi-mati, avadhi, manahparvava, pada-prakaranauddeša-adhvāva-prābhrta-vastu-pūrva-anga-anusāritva, bhinna-aksarayta, abhinna-aksaratya and 14 puryadharatya. Ayabhi is understood to occur to samvatas and asamvatas (i.e. in the 4th-7th gunasthanas in the case of human beings),8 and manahparvava to apramatta-samvatas who have attained rddhis (i.e. in the 7th gungsthang).9 therefore the mention of their possession by the sages in the 11th and 12th gunasthanas who perform the first two stages of sukla dhyana is not surprising. The ordinary capacities of mati and sruta, which are produced by relying on sense organs and therefore not included in the category of rddhis, are of course present in all the human beings. Here a rddhi called vituddhi-mati that enables one to perceive the objects of 5 senses from a distance is said to be possessed by the sages in the 11th and 12th gungsthangs. The rest of rddhis listed above are obviously related to truta.

Among the rddhis involving sruta, bhinna-aksaratva and abhinnaaksaratva are said in the Jainendra Siddhanta Kosa (v.l., p.477) as the two divisions of 10 pūrvitva. (However the chart of rddhis therein does not include 9 nurvitya, and it is suspected if these two types of askaratya respectively mean 9 purvitva and 10 purvitva). Then, how should we understand the rddhi called pada-prakarana-uddesa-adhyāya-prābh-tavastu-pūrva-anga-anusāritva? 'Anu-sr' means to go after, and 'anusārin' means following, according to, penetrating, scrutinizing, investigating and so on according to Monier-Williams' Sanskrit-English Dictionary. 'Pada' through 'vastu' indicate chapters or sections in a text. 'Vastu' is used particularly for the chapters in the purvagata consisting of 14 books. 'Uddesa' and 'adhvava' are commonly used for the sections and chapters in the canonical texts, and the practice of using 'pada' is found in the Drstivada. Also the usage of 'pada' and 'prabhrta' are found in the texts such as Prainapana and Survaprainapti, 'Purva' and 'anga' respectively mean 14 Purvas and 12 Angas. The vastu-titles of 14 books

^{*} Tattvarthasutra, 1, 26., bhasya.

Nandi, 17.

in the ptivagata are not offered in the Saviavaya 223 and Nandt 57. It seems from this that this rddhi called pada-pura-niga-amasaritva means a supernatural power which can penetrate into the original text of 14 Puras and 12 Angas by merely having its chapter-title or by merely knowing the sequence of its chapter (like the 3rd chapter of a text). In another word, this rddhi includes two capacities, i.e. vastu-pira-amusaritva and pada...prabhita-anga-amusaritva. And these two capacities must have been assumed to exert their power in reconstructing the lost texts, i.e. the Drigitival and the Purva.

Now, the Bhagavatt V.4.199 says that 14 Purvadhara has a rddhi called utkarikā bheda. According to this text, he can show a thousand jars out of a single jar, a thousand chariots out of a single chariot and the like. The Prajnapana XI.399 (also its XIII.418) enumerates fivefold divisions of bheda or breaking of matters, i.e. khanda, pratara, curnika, anutatikā and utkarikā. Utkarikā bheda is meant here breaking one thing into many like the case when many castor oil seeds burst open out of a single seed pot. Then, this is precisely the capacity said as to pada... nurva-anga-anusaritya. That is, by knowing a chapter-title or the sequence of a chanter in a text, the sage endowed with this rddhi can demonstrate its original text just as many seeds encased in a seed pot show themselves when it is burst open. It is thus beyond the shadow of doubt that 14 purvadharatva is the same as utkarika bheda and vastu-nūrvaanusaritya. Bhinna-aksaratya abhinna-akasaratya and 14 nurvadharatya constitute the divisions of vastu-nurva-anusaritva. Utkarika hheda labdhi is not said as to 12 Angis, possibly because utkarikā bhedh is effective on the Drstivada sone but not on the rest of 11 existent Angas. However, the same capacity should be theoretically expected in pada... anga-anusaritya also.

Then, why this 14 pārvadharatva had to arise in this specific context? This requires a bit of probe into the mechanism of the 1st and the 2nd stages of iukla dhyāna. As we know, a sage on the upaiama ireri performs pritaktva dhyāna and acquires rddhis. However, his suppressed mohantya karmas get activated upon obtaining rddhis, and he is destined to fall to the 1st stage of mithyārva. A sage who takes the kiapaka ireni likewise performs pritaktva dhyāna, acquires rddhis, and upon proving that he has no worldy desire for the acquired rddhis, he roots out his mohantya karmas. Now he crossed the 11th gunasthāna and entered the 12th gunasthāna. Here he performs ekatva dhyāna and destroys all the rest of the three ghātika karmas that obstruct the attainment of omniscience, and attain kevala jāṇa-dertama. In brief, prihaktva dhyāna is capable to produce rddhis for a sage on the upaiama ireni, and it is capable

to produce rddhis and eradicate mohantlya karma for a sage on the ktapaka trent. Ekarva dhyana that is performed by a sage on the ktapaka trent is capable to destroy jhanawana, darianawana and antanawa karmas and produce omniscience. Antanawa karma has to be eradicated here, for otherwise the attainment of kevala jhanadariana is hindered by the presence of this karma. Many 14 Purvadharas are described in the canonical texts not having attained salvation, because they could not destroy antanawa karma.

The proper designation of prthaktva dhvana is prthaktva vitarka savicāra dhyāna and that of ekatya dhyāna is ekatya vitarka avicāra dhyang Vitarka is defined as truta in the Tattvarthasutra IX 45. The Yogasūtra 1.42 explains that savitarka samādhi is a mental state accompanied by the discriminative knowledge, objects and meanings. Vicāra is explained in the Tattvarthasutra IX.46 as shifting objects, words and vogas. According to the Yogasura 1.44. Vicara has a subtler object than vitarka does. And in the case of vicara samadhi, the subtler object is understood in the commentary to the Yogasūtra 1.44 to appear as a phenomenal dharma conditioned by time, space, causation, etc. of the empirical categories, but in the case of avicara samadhi, the subtler object is understood to mainfest itself in the state of dharmin or thingin-itself, not confined by time, space, causation, etc. of the empirical categories. Then, ekatva vitarka avicāra dhyāna which is the mental concentration accompanied by the discriminative capacity on the subtler object should manifest the object in the form of dharmin unlimited by the empirical conditions such as time, space, causation, etc. And this is precisely the state of having kevala inana-darsana in reality.

This evinces that a sage comes to potentially own the capacity of omniscience as soon as he destroys jānānarana and darlamāvarana karma, which as a matter of course dawns to him as soon as his antarāya karma, is removed. The eradication of jānāvaraṇa and arlamāvaraṇa karmas that takes an important role in producing omniscience. Now, jānāvaraṇa karma and darlamāvaraṇa karma necessarily operate on truta that consists of 12 Angas and Angabāḥyas (Tartarirhastīra 1.20), and both the 1st and the 2nd stages of jukla dhyāna have iruta as their object. And the rddhi called 14 pārvadharatav enters the 2nd stage of jukla dhyāna involving iruta. Then, 14 pārvadharatav amust have appeared here entrusted with a task of eradicating jānāvaraṭa and darlamāvaraṇa karmas, if mohamīya karma can be totally destroyed by testīfying that a sage has no attachment to the acquired rddhīs, and if kevali-samudghāta can be accomplished by utilizing mahimā rddhī.

Let us justfy the above position. The 2nd stage of sukla dhybra has frusta as its object of concentration. Radhis relevant to trusta listed in the Tativarhastira X.7 Bhājya are of two types, i.e. pada...prābhta-atīga

The Tatträrthastira X.7 Bhājya jists a rdhhi called prākāmya which is said to be the capacity that enables a sage to go through the water as smoothly as he goes on the earth, or enables him to go through the underground as smoothly as he goes through the underwater. Beside the capacity as such, prākāmya is explained in the commentary to the Yoga-stira III.45 that it is the rdhhi that enables a sage to materialize any of his desires without hindrance. It is most likely that the then karma specialists attributed to this rdhhi called prākāmya a capacity of eradicating antarāya karma. Upon destroying antarāya karma, the sage achieves kevula jūāna-darīana as a matter of course, and he is assured to be liberated.

We have so far been able to hit upon the point that the rddhi called 14 purvadharatva came into existence with an assignment of destroying iñanavarana karma and darianavarana karma in the process of ekatva dhyana, thanks to the list of rddhis offered in the Tattvarthasutra X.7 Bhasya. 14 purvadharatya has necessarily 14 Purvas as its object. Then, what is the Purva literature? 14 purvadharatva is also called vastunurva-anusāritva which is obviously derived from the nurvayata consisting of 14 books in the Drstivada. It is not therefore that the Purva in 14 books had been existent somewhere first and then came to be placed in the Destivada, but 14 Purvas as well as purvadharatva came into being on the basis of the purvagata in the Drstivada. Does it mean that the Purva is no other than the purvagata in the Destivada? But the Purva literature is said to form one class and the Anga literature forms another class. And it is difficult to get convinced that the two different classes of literature can be placed in one class. And strange is the fact that the Jaina church authorized 12 Angas which consist of 11 existent Angas plus I non-existent Anga. Also curious in this controction is the fact that pada...prābhṛta-aṅga-anusāritra came into being because of the Dṛṭṭirāda, for otherwise it doesn't make sense. And this rddhi was obviously replaced by 14 purvadharatva or vastu-purva-anusāritva in getting entrusted with a task of destroving jānāravara and darlamāvarana karnas. It means that pada...prābhṛta-aṅga-anusāritva existed prior to 14 purvadharatva. Then, how did this pada-prābhṛta-aṅgo-anusāritva come to be postulated in relation with the Dṛṭṭirāda? All these seem to involve the problem when and how 12 Angas consisting of 11 existent Angas and 1 non-existent Anga came to be authorized. In another word, it involves a problem why the Dṛṭṭirāda had to be authorized. In another word, of Anga literature of the Janias.

It is as clear as the Sun that 12 Angas officially called 'durālasamgæm ganipidagam' had existed when 14 pārvadharara came into being. Ekactly when 12 Anga-ganipiakas were authorizæd by the faina church involves many difficult problems that cannot be handled lightly, however, we can roughly say for sure that their authorization took place in the considerably later time in the canonical period for the following reasons.

Firstly, from the official designation of 12 Anga-ganipitakas, it is event that the Jaina church adopted the Buddhist practice of classifying the sacred literature into 12 Angas and 3 Pitakas. It is understood, however, that the classification of 9 Angas and 12 Angas of the Buddhists did not mean the division of real texts, but they were rather the names of the literary genres. It is generally held that the classification of 9 Angas historically preceeded to that of 12 Angas, which were succeeded by that of 3 Pitakas. And from the existent evidences, the mention of 3 pitakas can be traced back to the 1st century B.C., and the mention of 3 Pitakas function of 3 Pitakas are been authorized when the Buddhist classification of 3 Pitakas came to be well established, 12 Angas of the Jainas could not have existed before the 1st century B.C.

Secondly, a mention of 12 Augas is made in the texts belonging to the later canonical age (for instance, Sutrackyta II, Sthāna, Samavāya, Bhagavarī XVI.6, XX.8, Upānaka, Aupapātika, Namdī, Amuyoga and Kalpa), inasmuch as 11 Augas and 14 Purvas make their appearance in the texts belonging to the later canonical age (for instance, 11 Augas in

¹³ E. Maeda: A History of the Formation of Original Texts, English summary,

¹² E. Maeda : Ibid., Japanese text, pp. 614-616.

the Bhagavarl II.1, IX.33, XVI.5, XX.8, Jhātādharma, Antakrt, Anuttara, and Vipāka: 14 Purus in Bhagavarl XI.11, XVIII.2, Jhātadharma and Antakrt: and Purvadhara in Bhagavarl V.4 Jhātādharma, Antakrt Pratna, Anuttara, Vipāka, Nandl and Kalpa). The Dṛṣtivāda is independently referred to in the list of the Vyavahāra X, however this list is known to belong to the later canonical stage.

Finally, there is no mention of any list of 12 Angas other than the present one in the canonical texts as well as in the Svetambara and Digambara traditions. This means that the Jaina church authorized 12 Angas that are enumerated in the present list and named them 12 Anga-gail-pitakas. Out of 11 existent Angas, the Prainaryikarana obviously replaced the original text which must have been lost. The concepts and the contents occurring in the Shāna, Samaraya and Bhagararī belong to all the stages in the Agamic period. Except these three texts and excluding the Ācāra 1 and the Sārrakṛra 1 which belong to the carliest canonical stage, all the rest of the present existent Anga texts belong to the later canonical stages. And the contents of the Drţtirada reveal the important topics in the system of Jīva-ajīva discussed at the later canonical stages.

All these testify that 12 Angas must have been authorized in the considerably later canonical period but surely before the time of Ilmasyati. And the church authorities named them 12 Anga-ganinitakas by attributing the compilership of 11 existent Angas to Mahavira's 11 Ganadharas. But why didn't they select 12 existent texts and name them 12 Angas instead of 12-Anga-ganipitakas? Or there was no harm to have 12 existent texts and name them 12 Anga-ganinitakas by attributing their compilership to Mahavira's 11 Ganadharas. But they did not do this. This indicates that they intentionally included a non-existent Anga at the time when they authorized these 12 Anga-ganipitakas. From the historical standpoint, it is justifiable to include a lost Anga in the basic class of the sacred literature of the Jainas, for many important texts must have been lost in the course of time. However, no other school authorities would ever think of approving a non-existent Anga to be included in the Anga literature. There must have been a specific reason for including the Drstivada in the Anga Class.

And this specific reason must have been that they needed to have the Drţiivāda or the Anga consisting of the lost views for the sake of establishing the rddhi called pada...prābhṭta-aṅga-anuāgrīva in order to assign it a task of eradicating jiānārarava karma and dariamāvaraa karma in the process of ekaru dhyāna. They did not seem to have

created a radhi called pada-drstivada-anusāriva, probably because the Drstivada which occupies a part of 12 Angas cannot represent the Anga class. At any rate, the Drstivada consists of the then current theoretical problems discussed in the later canonical stages, and many texts as such must have been really lost. And since these texts must have been lost not in the very remote past, it is not quite fit to render to this pada... prābhīta-aniga-anusāritva a great task of destroying Jānānavanaa karma and darsanavanaa karma. For otherwise, it makse easy for many sages to attain omniscience, and this is absolutely not wanted. Thus the then Jaina theoreticians had to struggle to find a wayout in order to establish a more powerful radhi that has more authoritative literature as its object than the Anga class. They made it successfully in the following way.

The Driftivada consists of 5 sections, i.e. Parikrama, Sutra, Purvagata, Anuyoga and Culikā. The arrangement of these 5 sections clearly reveal the course of debate, of which purvagata must mean purvagata, it The Jaina theoreticians caught sight of this 3rd section called purvagata, for it contains the word 'purva' meaning 'old' or 'early',' and established a literature called Purva which was postulated to form a more authoritative class than the Anga class. The purvagata in the Dritti'ada consists of 14 books, thus the church authorities established the Purva literature in 14 books likewise. They created the rddhi called 14 purvadharatva out of this Purva literature, and entrusted with it a task of eradicating jhānā-varana karma and darianāvarana karma.

The Purva literature that is the object of 14 purvadharatva thus came into being as a more authoritative class of literature than the Anga class, even though it was directly born in analogy of the purvagata in the 12th Anga. In another word, the Purva had nothing to do with the purvagata when it was established as an independent literature. In that case, how did the then Jaina authorities assume the nature and content of the Purva?

The Bhagavarl XX.8 mentions that each Tirthankara preaches the Purva, 11 Angas and Prţtlivāda. Mahavira is therefore regarded as the source of 14 Purvas and 12 Angas in his Tirtha. Then, the Purva must have been understood as consisting of Mahavira's personal knowledge and views expressed in his life time which were not compiled or systematized into the form of texts in the sacred literature of the Jainas.

¹⁸ W. Schubring: Ibid., § 38; H. Jacobi: Ibid., p. xlv.

14 Purvar in complete form are possessed by 14 Purvadharas. Mahavira's 11 Ganadharas and several sages up to Bhadrabahu are upbeld as 14 Purvadharas and 12 Angis in both traditions. Also the Kalpatura 138, for instance, counts that there were 300 Purvadharas in Mahavira's disciples.

Since Mahavira reformed Parsva's doctrine, founded his independent sect and devoted his life to the propagation of his tenet by way of fighting against his rivals, there must have been lots of theoretical views expressed by Mahavira inside and outside the church but did not get recorded in the canonical literature. But from the fact that many of Mahavira's disciples and his 11 Ganadharas are said to be 14 Purvadharas, and from the fact that Bhadrabahu, the last 14 Purvadhara, is known as the author of the Datatrutaskandha, Brhatkalna and Vvavahara which now form the class of Chedasutras, it seems that the Purva literature must have been understood as Mahavira's personal views and instructions expressed in day to day life in organizing his Ganas, handling his students' disciplinery problems including Jamali's nihiaya case, handling delicate problems occurring between the Jaina monks and the lay society, between the Jaina monks and the followers of the rival schools, and so on. These problems relevant to monastic disciplinery rules and jurisprudence must have been occurring constantly in his life time as well as after his death. Mahavira's case by case instructions and views on such problems expressed in his life time must have been known to those who worked closely with him including his Ganadharas and his intimate disciples. And Mahavira's instructions and opinions involving these disciplinery problems must have been the authoritative source in dealing with the similar problems for the leaders of the Jaina church after Mahavira's demise until Bhadrabahu finally compiled some Chedasutras. And once the Chedasutras were authorized by the church, these naturally came to supersede the old savings of Mahavira. Bhadrabahu was thus placed as the final 14 Purvadhara in Mahavira's Tirtha

Other sayings of Mahavira in the other fields of knowledge which were not expressed in the Jaina canon might have been also assumed to be included in the content of the Purva literature. But the church authorities at the later canonical period must have primarily understood the Purva in terms of the old sayings of Mahavira which became the source of Chedasures compiled by Bhadrabahu. In that sense, it is quite logical to maintain that the Purva had existed once but came to be lost in due course. The Purva was established in relation to 14 purvadharatva, a rddhił cutrusted with a task of eradicating Jānāvaraṇa and darianāvaraṇa Karmas. But once the processes of lukla dhyāna came to be systematized.

and formalized, its precise mechanism involving rddhis came to be negleeted, for these rddhis had been necessary for the karma specialists in logically establishing the minute processes of destroying all the types of karmas in the four stages of lukla dhyāna. The rddhi called 14 purvadharatva came to be forgotten sooner or later along with the other rddhis (for no one but Umasvati refers to the rddhis as such), and the content of the Purva assumed by the then church authorites in the later canonical period sunk into oblivion in the post-canonical age. Thus, the Purva came to be regarded by the post-cononical authors as the source of 12 Arness.

RIPUPRATISATRU

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When the festivity in honour of Sakra was over Ripupratisatru, the king of Potanapura, entered the forest with a desire for hunting.

The brow of eastern sky was being flushed with light. The mist was lifting slowly like a silken curtain. The water of village pond was as red as the filament of lotus flower. The entire forest had taken a rosy hue by the falling of flower pollen.

Being overpowered by the sweet smell of wild Kutaja flower Ripupratisatru even forgot that he had come for hunting. He promenaded uncertainly enchanted as if his eyes were eager to dive deep in the inner beauty of the dew-washed woodland.

Thus promenading where he had come he himself did not know. It had passed noon. The atmosphere was hot by the scorching rays of the sun. He felt a thirst and a longing which were almost inexplicable.

At one end there stood different kinds of ancient trees in a cluster giving shade to the dust beneath. There under a tree Ripupratisatru took shelter. He was feeling the blass of peace and calm when he heard from very near the sound of water crane, the humming of the bees who were attracted by the sweet smell of the water tilly. Spontaneously his legs carried him to that direction. When he had not gone far he felt that his inference was not incorrect. In front of him was a softly flowing roulet exposing the beauty of lotus blossoms.

Ripupratisatru quenched his thirst by drinking that cool water, but his eyes became freshly athirst.

On the bank of that rivulet under the shade of a Priyaka tree which was in full bloom he saw a woman lying idly like a golden creeper on the emerald green of grass. Rays of the sun fell admiringly on her dishevelled hair, on her brow, on her breasts, on her hips through the leaves and fronds. His body trembled with a sudden desire. Slowly he paced towards her.



...he saw a woman lying idly like a golden creeper on the emerald green of grass.

The slight noise of footsteps roused that woman. Adjusting her clothes she stood up and then began to look at the face of Ripupratisatru with her eyes wide as if she had been awakened from a dream. Startled she cried. 'Father!'

Not less astonished was Ripupratisatru. Being excessively surprised he also cried, 'It's you, Mriga ?'

Shyly she replied, 'It's I. father,'

'How have you come here ?' he asked.

To give reply to that 'how' she felt overwhelmed. Her throat moistend. She said, 'In a dream at the fag end of the last night I had been told that I should meet on the bank of this rivulet my would-be husband. So my maids left me here and are at the moment waiting in some bower. I don't know hen I fell asleen.'

Ripupratisatru was taken aback. A few moments earlier he wanted to take this woman in his lap being smitten with desire. Was it ordained by gods? The echo of it was in what Mrigavati had told. But then...

Tears began to roll down the cheeks of Ripupratisatru like pearls trickling from a snapped necklace.

Probably to catch those pearls of deep sorrow she came near him with her hands spread.

Ripupratisatru forcibly gathered her in his arms and then said in a passionate voice, 'You are my daughter, but still you are the woman whom I have desired. This never happens in the life of a restrained. Then why it has happened in my case? But it's true that it's you who can only respond to my strange passion. My life will be blessed if you agree to become my life-mate.'

Large eyes of Mrigavati moistened. She said with a tremor in her voice, 'Father!'

'Why ye are hesitant?'

'I am not. But what the mother will say ? What the world will say ?'

'But ye have been told in a dream.'

'Yes, I have been told so, father.'

'Can you make it false ?'

By opening his wet eyes Ripupratisatru was looking at Mrigavati... She was the woman of a poet's dream by the touch of whose tender lips Bakula buds would blossom, by whose embrace the sweet Kuruwaka flowers would come to life, by the touch of whose feet Asoka trees would be aftre with red flowers and by whose mere glance the Tilaka would be in full bloom. With passion he drew that silken body still closer as if on the day there was no value of social codes to him in the world. A strange truth had dawed in his life.

Ripupratisatru had returned to the capital. So did return Mrigavati. Had she met her life's mate? To this querry her maids were not able to snatch anything beyond, 'Yes, I had.' How eger they were to know who that fortunate was who won the love of their princess? But they were portable to heak the ice of her sidence.

On reaching the capital Ripupratisatru called for the meeting of the Assembly. Besides the members, prominent citizens were also invited. So everybody was eager with apprehension. What had happened that necessitated the sitting of the Assembly? There was no news of any invasion nor that of any uprising.

So everybody came to the Assembly with uncertain anticipations, With the queens, Mrigavati also came.

Opening the Assembly Ripupratisatru thus put what he had to say: 'If in this kingdom a new jewel is born, to whom it will belong?'

Everybody replied almost in a voice, 'Sire, to Your Majesty.'

Ripupratisatru asked this question thrice and this was the reply every time 'Sire, to Your Majesty.'

'Then by your approval I am taking that jewel myself,' he said.

'Yes, Your Majesty.'

Then pointing towards Mrigavati he said, 'She is that Jewel and I am taking her for myself.'

The Assembly was dumb in wonder. But before they could say anything Bhadra, the queen, arose and said, 'Your Majesty, what it actually means?'

Ripupratisatru replied in a quiet voice: 'Its meaning is simple and clear. I will marry her according to the Gandhava rites.'

Tauntingly said Bhadra, 'Will you be the husband of your own progeny?'

'In this I am following the footsteps of the Creator of the Universe.' replied Ripupratisatru coolly. 'Besides the Assembly had given its unanimous verdict.'

A murmur rose in the Assembly. 'By unanimous verdict ? But when we were told what that jewel was ?'

Quashing aside that murmur voiced Ripupratisatru, 'All of you, be quiet. You are bound by your promise.'

Bhadra broke with grief. She said, 'Your Majesty, what is the value of that promise? Besides, you have to know Mriga's mind.'

'Ask her yourself.' replied Ripupratisatru coolly.

Bhadra slowly proceeded towards Mrigavati. She was timid with love, her cheeks were red. There was no need of questioning any more. But her heart was breaking. She had been defeated by her own daughter.

Still she made a last attempt. She said, 'Mriga, it's you only who could save your father and none else. Say you are not agreeable to this marriage. Say Mriga, please say...'

Mrigavati's lips quivered a little. She said. Mother, I can't say like that. In my dream at the fag end of a night whom I have seen as my husband was my father. The child I shall bear by this union will be Ardhaeakri and in a future life will be the last Trithankara of this Avasarpini. I cannot throw away this singular honour. Mother, please don't insult the glory of this union.' Saying this she looked shyly at the face of Ripungrassarru.

The Bright Religion of the Jinas

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Thus declares the religion of the Jinas to the great dark questions of life and death

At the moment of death the soul transfers to another body coming into life at that very moment life in one of the four states of existence celestial human subhuman or infernal

The circumstance of that life man fests a retributive justice the cosme law of cause and effect wherein thought word and deed from past lives make time place manner and agent of present life and likewise the doings of present life make the links of circumstance for future lives

Beyond the cycles of brth and death shines forth liberation at the top of the universe where abide the many free souls like all souls in fact pure individual and eturnal and here forever into omniscience and bliss fulfilment of past lives in service to the vows of harmlessness restraint and hard penance

This way do the souls of all living things suffer transmigration and gather karma and this way now do the few awake while others sleep in this age of spiritual darkness upward move towards liberation

Thus declares the bright religion of the Jinas that is a path out of a dark bondage into liberation

Penology and Jaina Scriptures

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The dearest and yet probably the ever-escaping ideal of every human society is to become an enlightened and a crimeless' society. Sociologists, not apparently satisfied with social reforms, find fault with the social arrangements and seek "fundamental social change". Ranging right from the archaic Babylonian Code of Hammurabi, the chain of penal codes has obviously failed to capture the genii of mens rea. Religion, the elevator for the human-beings to the divine and the sole champion of moral and ethical values, has witnessed a number of crimes committed in its name. Education, the vehicle of discipline, training and dedicated service to humanity, is in a predicament when confronted with enormous problems of students' indiscipline, vices and malpractices. After all, a serious doubt arises about the progress of centuries, whether it is towards enlightenement or towards criminality!

Penology starts with the definition of punishment and ends ironically with a plea for total abolition of punishment, suggesting a substitute therapy of treatment, correction, reformation, rehabilitation and resocialization of the so-called 'criminal', 'delinquent', 'deviant who cannot conform to the social norms' and 'client for the correctional apparatus'. It means 'the science of punishment of crime, in both its deterrent and its reformatory aspects: the science of management of prison's and 'the study of problems of legal punishment'. Definition of penology is conspicuous by its absence in the standard text-books of recent authors.*

In its original structure, penology studies and analyzes the history, theories, purposes and effects of punishment in relation to crime-causation and crime-prevention. In its modern outlines, penology assumes the form of the correctional apparatus and transforms itself into the theory

¹ Ian Taylor, Paul Walton and Jack Young, The New Criminology: for a Social Theory of Deviance, 1973, London, p. 281.

^{*} Ibia.

² The Random House Dictionary of English Language, College Edn, 1977, Allied Publishing Prvt Ltd., Bombay-New Delhi-Calcutta-Madras, p. 993.

The Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English, 2nd Edn, The English Language Book Society and Oxford University Press, p. 719.

^a Howard Jones, Crime and Penal System, 1962, London, p. 1: Robert G, Caldwell, Criminology, 1956, New York, p. 1.

of social defence. With its inter-disciplinary aspects, its changing concept—values and its transitional phase, penology would require a new definition in its confrontation with the immutable Jaina Scriptures. For this purpose penology is defined here as Strategy in the fight against Crime and Jaina penology as Strategy in the fight or the fight against Karma.

Penology, so defined, can safely avoid the conflict and controversy with the sociological theorists who visualize crime not as "an inherent property of an act" but as mere deviance not conforming to the social norms. If social re-arrangement can immunize individual against crime, the technique of individual re-arrangement, known technically as process of samvara (impeding of karna), can equally and more efficiently immunize the society from crime.

The original structure of Penology, based upon 'lex-talionis', with he now obsolete, cruel and harsh forms of punishment such as branding, quartering, drowning, burning or boiling to death, 'bears an eloquent proof of the forces of retribution, retaliation and revenge that have prevailed upon human mind since antiquity. Freedom of will forms the basis for transfixing individual responsibility for a criminal act. When the same is coupled with intent, the liability for punishment arises. 'As you soo shall you reap' and 'He who sins must suffer' are the age-old sayings which not only caution the wrong-doer but have served as jural canons for the dispensation of justice. Other justifications for the infliction of punishment are: * social utility, moral education, atonement, deterrence, prevention, exolation and finally reformation.

The modes and forms of punishment varied according to the age, time, place and linally the culture* of the particular society. The three R's in the handling of criminals are: if revenge, restraint and reformation, which in other words epitomize the history of penology indicative of world-civilization and emergence of culture-base readily traced back for two centuries. Revenge swings from motivation to justification

^{*} The New Criminology: for a Social Theory of Deviance, p. 145.

William Andrews, Old Times Punishments, 1971, London, See contents.

Lae H. Chang (ed), Criminology: A Cross Cultural Perspective, Vol II, p. 553, also see Salmond On Jurisprudence, London, Sweet & Maxwell, 1966, 12th Edn. by Fitzerald, p. 98: and John Lewis Gillin, Criminology and Penology, p. 219, 221-221 ff

^{*} Criminology and Penology, p. 218,

Daniel Glaser, The Effectiveness of a Prison and Parole System, with a forward by Robert F. Kennedy, Indianopolis, New York, Kansas City, The Boobs Merril Co. Inc, 1964, p. 6.

manifesting itself in the forms retribution, retaliation, vindictiveness and compensation (wergild). Restraint encompasses the concepts of deterrence, prevention and protection. Reformation incorporates the final aim and object of punishment and at the same time replacement of punishment by correction and treatment; thus providing a turn-table to the basic concepts of penology and new interpretation and outlook in the attitude towards crime, criminal and punishment, without relinquishing the concept of control.¹³

The outlines of Modern Penology revolves around the controversies that exist between the theories of nunishment and the theories of treatment. Punishment for the sake of punishment is considered as "an end in itself to the individual as well as society"12 and "there has been a slow but discernible trend away from punishment",18 even though ambivalence still exists between punishment and treatment. "At each extreme, stand policemen, jurists, psychiatrists and laymen who are engaged in dialectic and actual tug of war. They disagree on what will serve society best, punishment for punishment's sake or treatment with the aim of social readjustment of offenders. Some speak of penal treatment which suggests a penalty to be enacted on the wrong-doer. Others suggest correctional treatment suggestive of more intensive therapy in the interest of helping offenders change,"14 All observation like "the attempt to deter, punish and prevent can actually create deviation itself"16 sounds like a paradox but makes in an unequivocal term a very strong plea for the abolition of punishment.

The rising sun of treatment which emits manifold peno-correctional rays in the form of exemptions, pardons, commutations, remissions for good behaviour, indeterminate sentences, suspended sentences, probation, conditional release, parole, short sentences etc is greeted at the horizon with the clouds of uncertainty.¹⁶ inconsistency,¹⁷ and contision.¹⁸ The New Penology has thus opted for treatment in the place of punishment but is still afflicted with the problem of choosing between penal treatment and correctional treatment with the result that it has not been able to do

¹¹ John P. Conrad. Crime and Its Correction, p. 170.

¹² Dressler, Readings in Criminology and Penology, p. 470.

¹² Ibid.

¹⁴ Ibid., p. 469.

The New Criminology: for a Social Theory of Deviance, p. 140.

¹⁶ Sir Kenneth Younger, 'Senetencing', an article in Howard Journal, Vol XVI No. 1, p. 18.

¹⁷ Paul Tappan, Crime, Justice and Correction, p. 237,

¹⁶ Crime and Its Correction, p. 2.

away with the variety of prisons, jails, reformatories, penitentiaries, colonies, camps, training schools, borstals, centers, etc.

This New Penology which aspires to liberate the human corpus from the shackles of prison walls19 has yet before itself a tremendous task. namely, to evolve the correctional apparatus for reformation of the offender, to rehabilitate the offender sociologically and psychologically and to train for that purpose selfless and devoted psychiatrists, probationofficers, social-workers and other personnel whose active participation will be indispensable in the process of 'treatment'. The magnitude of the problem is well acknowledged by leading criminologists. Leon Radzinowick poses a querry: "According to leading American Criminologists crime is deeply embedded in the very texture of American society. If this is so, how substantial and lasting can the influence of the community programmes be, even if it is acknowledged as it should be, that they may succeed in raising the general standards of life, in strengthening supportive and remedial arrangements; and in disseminating information about the measures hitherto adopted in dealing with it ?"20 John P. Conrad has been frank enough to admit; "For the clients of correctional apparatus, we cannot vet point out a procedure which can be reliably applied to any group in any typology vet conceptualized."21 The warning of Charles Merciers: "With exception of logic, there is no subject on which so much non-sense has been written as this of criminality and the criminal,"22 eventhough sounded in 1919 still rings true and should put on alert all those penologists and the criminologists who prescribe new remedies fastidiously when "no serious or systematic study has ever been made till now on the effects of punishment on prevention."23 The admonition of the great author is to be noted specifically in this age when white-collar crime has pervaded every walk of life. leaving little scope for honesty in any trade, profession or calling and robbing the State Exchequer by millions every year without even detection.

It is true that "the emphasis has now shifted from deterrence to reformation, from punitive vengence to education and from State's right to punish to its duty to socialize."48 and thus "modern social defence aims

¹⁰ Giles Playfair and Derrick Sington, Crime, Punishment and Cure, 1965, London, p. 333: Summary of Proposals: 1,

Leon Radzinowick, In the Search of Criminology, p. 147.

²¹ Crime and its Correction, p. 55.

²² Quoted by Richard R. Korn and Llyod W. Macorckle, Criminology and Peno-

²³ Criminology A Cross Cultural Perspective, Vol I, p. 330.

²⁴ R. Deb, Principles of Criminology, Criminal Law and Investigation, Vol I, 1973, 2nd Edn. p. 5.

at re-educating the criminal with a view to removing his subjective antisociality which is the root cause of his motivation and anti-social behaviour."25 This new trend which visualizes 'social re-arrangement of the society' aspires to rise above the concepts of punishment, treatment, correction and also the reformation of the individual, shifting the blame thereby from the individual to the social environmental factors and social arrangements. But the observations of Hermann Mannheim are more realistic :26 "Two major difficulties confront today's criminologists : (1) a theory of criminal behaviour is not a theory of crime, it does not explain why the behaviour is criminal or non-criminal and (2) there is no theory available which explains all types of criminal behaviour. Psychaitric theories are inadequate because not all criminals are emotionally disturbed persons and few emotionally disturbed person are criminals. Any narrow sociological explanation is inadequate because not all criminals have a history of prior associations with other criminals, and not all individuals who associate with criminals become criminals. A theory is needed to integrate the legal, sociological and psychological aspects of crime."26

Indian background, with its rich heritage in culture, religions and philosophies remains unexplored in the field of penology and criminology by the western scholars. The concepts of punishment (danda) and expiation (priyateitta) are discussed at length in the law-books (dharma-bastras) and the treatises on polity (artha-bastras) and the treatises on polity (artha-bastras) and the treatises on polity (artha-bastras) and the training and (anda) has developed into full-fledged penology (danda-nti). Law and religion have the same equivalent word in Sanskrit, (dharma), which has still a larger connotation. In India, the law and the religion went hand in hand; the Codes of Manu, Yajinyavalkya, Narada, Parasar and others are the source-books at a time both for religion and for law. Even neighbouring countires of Siam, Burma, Java and Bali did adopt the Code of Manu. Name of Manu is so much reputed as law-giver that even the 'Kula-kara's who preceded the first Lord Tirthankara are known as Manus in the tradition of respect among the Jainas.

Crime in India is governed by Indian Penal Code, which was drafted by Macaulay and adopted since 1960, and also by a score of minor criminal statutes, enacted from time to time. In a Supreme Court

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²⁴ Quoted from Hermann Manrheim, Pioneers in Criminology, Chicago Quadrangle Books, 1960, pp. 377-378: Criminology A Cross Cultural Perspective, Vol. I, pp. 70-8-71, also p. 110.

^{2.} Dr. Sukla Das, Crime, and Punishment in Ancient India, p. 135.

²⁸ Maurice Winternitz, History of Indian Literature, Vol III part II, p. 557.

Case, "it has been observed: "Unfortunately the Indian Penal Code still lingers in somewhat compartmentalized system of punishment viz. imprisonment, simple or rigorous, fine and of course the capital sentence." In fact, the whole judgment is classic from the stand-point of analyzing the inadequacies of the existing penal system and prophesizingly suggesting radical changes therein on the strength of balance between eastern experience and western inquisitiveness. In the same judgment, their Lordships observe: "...Perhaphs the time has come for Indian Criminologists to rely more on Painhjule Sutra as a scientific curative for crimogenic factors than on the blind jail term set out in the penal code and that may be why westerm researchers are now seeking Indian Yogic ways in normalizing the individual and the group." "a In another Supreme Court case," note has been taken of the concepts of afterlifte and re-birth in connection with penology and criminology.

The trend of judicial mind in India, beyond definition in precise terms, may however, be revealed in connection with the new considerations hovering round the science of penology in the words of Supreme Court Judges themselves:

- "...the winds of criminological change blow over Indian Statutory thought."32
- (2) "It is not possible for court...to explore the murky depths of a warped and twisted mind so as to discover whether an offender is capable of reformation or redemption, and if so, in what way. That is a subject on which only experts..could hazard an opinion with any degree of confidence. Judicial psychotherapy has its obvious and inherent limitations." ²³
- "...there are no penological guidelines in the statute for preferring the lesser sentence..."³⁴
 - Mohd, Giasuddin Vs State of Andhra Pradesh, per their Lordships V. R. Krishna Iyer and Jasawant Singh JJ., 1977 Criminal Law Reporter, Supreme Court, 285, p. 290, Para 18.
 - 10 Ibid. p. 286.
 - ³¹ Shiv Mohan Singh Vs the State (Delhi Admn) per their Lordships V. Y. Chandrachud (Nw CJ) and V. R. Krishna Iyer, JJ, 1977 Criminal Law Reporter, Supreme Court, 204.
 - 31 1974 Criminal Law Reporter, SC, 278 Raghuvir Singh Vs State of Haryana per Krishna lyer J, p. 279.
 - 32 Ibid, p. 270; Edigamma Anagamma Vs State of A.P., p.276.
 - 34 Ibid, p. 500, Francis Alias Parman Vs State of Kerala and also Bhagawanta Vs State of Maharashtra, per M.H. Beg J., p. 504.

(4) "In a good system of administration of justice, pre-sentence investigation may be of great sociological value. Throughout the world humanitarianism is permeating into penology and the courts are expected to discharge their appropriate roles." 18

(5) "We cannot do better than say that the directive principle contained in Article 42 of the Constitution that 'the State shall make provision for securing just and humane conditions of work' may be benevolently extended to living conditions in jails. There are subtle forms of punishment to which convicts and under-trial prisoners are sometimes subjected but it must be realized that these barbarous relics of bygone era offend against the letter and spirit of our Constitution." "34

All penal codes with their innumerable offences and penalties from the mild admonition to the cruel death-sentence, are but as many social acknowledgements of the proclaimed failure to cure the individual human mind of its gullible (criminal) tendency. Combat at psychic and psychological levels to treat deviance so as to make the human conduct conform to the social norms is still at an experimental and investigational stage. Before the outcome of this treatment method is known. the sociological theorists, denouncing all the efforts at correctionalism. insist upon social rearrangement with fundamental social change where there should be no opportunity for committing crimes. Visualizers of this dreamland do, however, admit : "It is failing in Sociological Theory that it has rarely examined concepts such as guilt and conscience." 37 This single but solid confession has brought the ship of penology safely to the shores, from the gusty winds seeking fundamental social changes over the turbulent waters of punishment and waves of treatment. Now the ship can easily sail into the deep waters of religious philosophy and in the right direction towards the infinite realms of conscience, veiled and clouded as it is by karmas.

Jaina penology is the child of Karna philosophy. The criminologists know karna in its retributory and retaliatory role. Association of karnic atoms forming a karmic body (kārnana iarlra) gloss over conscience of non-liberated souls since eternity. As it obstructs the innate qualities of soul, karna is the enemy of conscience, number one. A

^{33 1976} Criminal Law Reporter, SC, 33 Ramashraya Chakravarty Vs State of Madhya Pradesh, per P. K. Goswami & N. L. Untwalia JJ.

^{31 1974} Cr Law Reporter, SC, 605, D. Bhuvan Mohan Patnaik Vs State of Andhra Pradesh and Others per Mr Chandra Chuda (now CJ) J, p, 610.

¹⁷ The New Criminology: for a Social Theory of Deviance, p. 52.

human-being, with the developed faculties of sense organs and mind is most equipped to fight against this enemy and even annihilate the same. securing for himself liberation, the Mokea. For having so annihilated the enemy, the Lord Arihanta (the Destroyer of enemy) is revered and saluted first among the five, all not by names but for their sheer merits! Different religions, all seeking self-purification, are the different strategies adopted in the fight against karma. Karma has a determining effect on the events but the karma philosophy is not the philosophy of pre-determinism. There is ample scope, of course, for freewill and for effort (purusartha); hence the call for fight against karma. Investigations at the psychic and psychological strata and the ideas of fundamental social changes by way of social re-arrangement, howsoever laudable, are certainly not the last word for crime-causation and crime-prevention. More subtle than the psychic and more visible through its efforts, the karma influences individual souls, subjecting to births and deaths, gains and losses, pains and pleasures, etc so much so that the individuals cannot even indentify their real self.

For the sociological theorists, who are deeply engrossed in the dialectics of materialism, distinction between fair and foul means has little meaning for bringing about the fundamental social changes Social immunity from crime does not necessarily mean in their dictionary an end of individual dishonesty, corruntion and fraudulent practices since they emphatically eliminate moral hygiene, ethical standards and religious philosophy from each and every social science! What is most difficult to give up in life is wrong belief (i.e. mithvatva). With the application of ignition key of right-faith (samvak-dursana), the soul awakens from the slumber, becomes disillusioned and attains a spark of enlightenment never before experienced. With the springing of right faith, the individual is able to rise above the passions and craving for material objects and enjoyments, desires to extricate the self from the karmabondage, developes compassion for all the worldly creatures and becomes steadfast in truth, disowning false beliefs. A definite change in the attitude towards life is expressed by withdrawal from vices. He prepares his mind in all resoluteness, for testing his innate spiritual prowess, for fullfledged 'samvara, by uttering the Five Great Vows, (called 'pañcamahavratas, or in the alternative for fractional samvara, by uttering the mini-vows (anu-vrata) in all seriousness and solemnity for lifelong observance. By adoption of samyara, an automatic check is imposed upon the influx (asrava) of karmas. The individual soul has then to put up

³⁸ Famous Namokkara-mantra of the Jainas is salutation to the five deservings: Arihanta, Siddha, Acarya, Upadhyaya, Sadhus.

a valient fight with the accumulations of karma till they shed off or fall out in entirety. Liberation from the karmic bondage has remained the goal, throughout ages, of human-aspirations (puruajarthas). For a person who knows the strategy in the fight against karma, the fight against crime does not in any way remain a problem. He builds up immunity against criminal tendencies and inclinations. Lord Mahavira had established a society (sampha) of persons who adopted either the Five Great Vows or the Mini-vows 2252 years ago and the society still exists although divided into sects and sub-sects of Svetambara and Digambara Jainas. The constitution, the code of conduct and discipline and the ideals of non-violence, non-attachment and non-absolutistic approach towards truth are unique and unequalled as disclosed in the Jaina Scriptures and shall continue to provide guideline for ages to come for the suffering humanity.

On Application of the Law of Combination in Early Jaina Philosophy

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Mathematically according to the law of combination, n things taken

n
r at a time can be arranged in C ways. Symbolically, we can write!

$$C = \frac{1}{\left\lfloor \frac{1}{n} \right\rfloor n-1}$$

where | n is read as n factorial and

This law has been widely used in different contexts of Jaina philosophy. Firstly let us consider the case of Saptabhang! i.e. the doctrine of seven-fold prediction. A real is characterized by three characterists viz. being, non-being and inexpressibility. Now the total number of combinations of these three characteristics taking one, two or three at a time can be easily computed as follows:

¹ See Chapter on Permutation and Combination in any pre-University book on Algebra.

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Thus the total number of combinations is seven, viz. (i) being, (ii) non-being, (iii) inexpressibility, (iv) being and non-being, (v) non-being and inexpressibility, (vi) inexpressibility and being (vii) being, non-being and inexpressibility.

Similarly the seven predicates of non-violence through mind, speech and body can be generated. Under given conditions the law of combination holds equally good for the doctrine of twenty-seven-fold predicates etc.3 The law of combination can also be easily applied on the classification of pudgalas based on their characteristics like colour, touch, smell, etc.4 Such an idea gives a clue to the fact that mathematical formulation is implied in the development of Jaina philosophical concepts. Professor L. C. Jain has also revealed several factors determining the mathematical foundations of Jaina karma theory which have payed the way for further developments in this field. It is, in fact, emphasized that mathematical and astronomical approaches should be encouraged in the field of Jaina studies which can lead to the better understanding of Jaina philosophical concepts. In ancient times, de facto, mathematics and astronomy formed part and parcel of Jaina philosophy which was a necessary accomplishment on the part of a Jaina priest who was to regulate the religious mode of life.

It may, however, he worthy of note that philosophical approach should be adopted in order to trace the development of a particular mathematical notion as implied in the philosophical concepts. As for

- For philosophical details, see Tatia, Nathmal (1975), Jaina Philosophy. Second chapter in Jainism, edited by Gurbachan Singh Talib, Punjabi University, Patiala
- For more details about the evolution of the doctrine of multifold predicates in Jaina Philosophy, see. Malvaniya, Pt. Dalsukh (1966), Agam Yug-ka Jain Darsan (in Hindi), pp. 93-114, Sanmati Gvanpith, Agra.
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- 4 Professor L, C, Jain has produced several research papers including :
 - (i) 'Mathematical foundations of Karma: Quantum System Theory', Anusandhan Patrika, Oct.-Dec., 1973, pp. 1-19. (Ladnun).
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 - (iv) Certain Basic Concepts of Jaina Philosophy needed for Mathematical Studies, (in the press)

example, presently, the implication of the law of combination becomes more evident when at least three characteristics are involved i.e. when the doctrine of seven-fold predication came into being. Philologically we see that when a real has two characteristics viz. being and non-being, we find firstly four predicates 'viz. (i) being, (ii) non-being (iii) being and non-being (iv) not-being and not non-being. However, the last two predicates reduce to one, inexpressibility. The doctrine of three-fold predicates can be easily generated by two things taken one or two at a time. This is, of course, explained by the law of combination. Thus the gradual evolution of a theory should be established through logical application of textual evidence.

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^{*} See note 3.

The Jaina Concept of Karma

[from the previous issue]

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These three faults-raga (attachment), dresa (aversion) and moha (delusion) as mentioned in the Nyaya are accepted by Jaina Philosophy as bhavakarma by name. That which is called by the Naiyavikas as pravrtti produced from dosa is named as yoga (activity) in Jaina Metaphysics. The Naivavikas have attributed the name 'samskara' (force) or adrsta (unseen force) to dharma and adharma (merit and demerit) born of pravrtti (activity); that is the place of paudgalika-karma or dravvakarma in Jaina Philosophy. In the Nyaya view samskāra like dharmādharma is the quality of Soul. But it should be noted that only Soul is conscious because of there being the difference between quality and its substratum according to this view, its quality cannot be called conscious for there is no inhering relation of consciousness in samskara (force). The Jaina drayvakarma also is non-conscious, therefore, both samskara and dravya-karma, as they may be called, are non-conscious, In both the views the difference is this much that according to the Naivayikas, sanskara is a quality of Soul, while drawakarma of the Jainas is pudgaladrayya (material substance). On deep consideration this difference also appears to be negligible. The Jainas accept this proposition that dravvakarma originate from bhavakarma, the Naivavikas also admit the origination of samskara. The real significance of the postulation that bhavakarma has produced dravvakarma is this that bhavakarma has made some such samskara as a result of which pudgaladravia has been changed into the form of karma. Like this the particular samelara which took place in pudgala (Matter) due to bhavakarma is real karma. according to the Jaina view. This samskara (impression or force) is non-different from pudgaladrayra; therefore, it is called pudgala Under such condition there does not exist any particular difference between samskara of the Naiyayikas and dravyakarma of the Jainas.

The Jainas accept the subtle body called 'kārmaṇaiarīra' also over and above the gross body. There takes place the birth of the gross body because of this karmic body. The Naiyayikas call kārmaṇaiarīra' avjaktaiarīra' (unmanifest body). The Jainas accept it to be intaṇible to the sense: for this reason, it is really unmanifest. It appears here that the thought on liberation came later on.

The Vaisesika conception of karma is identical with that of the Nyaya. Adr_{tta} (unseen force) is one of the twenty four qualities as propounded by Prasastapada. This quality is different' form samskāragma (quality or force). It has been divided into two kinds, viz. dharma and adharma (merit and demerit). It is known by this that Prasastapada has made mention of dharma and adharma by the word 'Adr_{tta}' instead of the word 'samskāra'. From this fact only the difference of name should be understood, without having accepted the difference of postulation, for Prasastapada has accepted 'adr_{tta}' as the quality of Soul, as much as equal to 'samskāra' of the Naiyayikas. In the Nyaya-Vaisesika Philosophy this tradition of the origination of samskāra from dasa (fault), birth from samskāra (force), dosa (fault) from birth and again samskara (force) from dosa (fault) has been regarded as beginningless tradition of bhāvakarma and dravyakarma of the fainas.

The Yoga-Samkhya view of Karma:

There is very much sameness of the doctrine of Karna of the Yoga Philosophy with the doctrine of karna of Isian Metaphysics. According to the Yoga, avidyā (ignorance), atmitā (egoism), rāga (attachment), dreţa (aversion) and abhimiveta (affection) are the five klelas (affictions). ¹¹ Due to them there takes place (i.e. originates) the tenactivy of mundame existence—the activity of mind (vrtri) and from it there are produced samskaras (freces) like dharma and adharma (merit and damerti; klela (affliction) can be equated with bhāvakarna, vrtri with yoga and samskāra with dravvakarna.

In the Yoga Philosophy samskāra is called vāsanā (desire), karma (action), and apurva (energy also. Moreover, in this view the cause-effect relation of kleia and karma has been accepted as beginningless¹¹ like a seed and its sprout as much equal to bhāvakarma and dravyakarma of Jaina Metaphysics.

- gunasca ruparasagandhasparsasamkhyaparimanaprihaktvasamyogavibhagapararvaparavabuddhisikhadudhkeccadvesaprayatnasceti kanthoktah sapiadosalca sabdasamuccitasca gurutva-dravatvasnehasamskaradistasabdah sapialvetyevam caturvinsusti vunahl PPBha. p. 3. see also pp. 637. 643.
- nameramapyavidyaparikalpita ésa brahmajivatmavibhagah...kasyaisa dosa yadi canaditvamasya pariharo bijankuravadbhavisyati, bhavadbhirapi canyamanadireva samsaro abhyungagatah avidyahra ca samsara ityucyate, NM, p. 51392.
- 11 avidya asmitaragadvesa abhinivesah panca klesah, Yogasutra, 2.3.
- ¹⁸ vrttayah pancayyah klista¹ aklistah, Yoga, 1.5; Yogabhasya, 1.5; Ibid, 2.3 tatra punyapunyakarmasayah kamalobhamohakrodhaprasayah, etc., Ibid, 2.12, satsu klesesu karmasayo vipakarambhi bhavati, nocchinnaklesamulah etc., Ibid, 2.13. See also their Tatravaisayadi, Bhasyati, etc., commentaries.

In regard to the doctrine of karma the difference between the Jaina and Yoga views is this that according to the latter, the relation of all these—kiews (afflictions), kiffartrit (afflicated activity) and karnskāra (force) is not with the soul, but rather with cita (mind) or antahkarapa (internal sense-organ) and this anatahkarapa (internal sense-organ) is the modification of Prakrii. According to the Jaina view, there is the relation of the material karmic body with soul due to the dispositions—maha (delusion), rāga (tatkarhemt) and drepa (aversion), since a beginning-less time there exists a relation of cause-effect (kārya-kārapa) between bhāvas (dispositions) and the kārmanaturtru (karmic body) like a seed and its sprout. In the origination of the one, the other exists as cause, nevertheless, both of them are in association with soul from a beginning-less time. If its impossible to determine which is the first between them.

Similarly, in the Samkhya view, the subtle body (lingasartra) is in association with the purusa (self) from the beginningless time. The subtle body originates from the dispositions (bhara) like raga (attachment). dvesa (aversion) and moha (delusion) and there is also a cause-effect relation between the dispositions and the subtle body like a seed and its sprout.12 Just as the Jainas accept the gross body as separate and distinct from the karmic body, so the Samkhya also accepts the subtle body as different from the gross body.14 In the Jaina view both the gross and fine bodies are meterial; in the Sakhya view also these two are prakritic (of primordial matter). The Jainas, having accepted both the bodies as the modifications of matter even, regard the classes of both as different. According to the Samkhya, the one is tanmatric (infra-atomic) and the other is born of parents. In the Jaina view, the gross body becomes snearate at the time of death and a new body is produced at the time of birth. But the karmic body goes along with the soul from one place to another place of birth at the time of death and thus it exists. The Samkhya also postulates that the gross body born of parents does not remain with the self at the time of death and a new body is produced on the occasion of the next birth. But lingasarira exists as permanent and moves from one place to another. to According to the Jaina system of thought the karmic body associated with the soul since a beginningless time ceases to be at the time of liberation. Similarly, it is maintained in the Samkhya that there takes place the cessation of lingasartra.16 In the

¹³ Matharavrtti, 52; Tativakaumudi vyakliva, 52.

¹⁴ uksma matapitrjah saha prabhutaistridha visesah syuh suksmastesam niyata matapitrja nivartante j. Samkhvakarika 30

¹⁴ Mathara karika, 44, 40; Yosadarsana, 2,13; Bhassati's Commentary; Sam-

¹⁴ lingam prayakale pradhane layam gacchati iti linzam, Matharavrtti, 40.

Jaina view kārmaṇatarta (karmic body) and dispositions (bhāras) like rāga (attachment), dveta (aversion), etc., remain with the soul from a beginningless time: without the one there is no existence of the other. Like this, in the Samkhya view lingatartra (subtle body) also does not exist without dispositions and vice versa. 17 According to the Jaina view kārmaṇatartra is non-resisting (aghāda) or unimpeded; the Samkhya also maintains that lingatartra is endowed with unimpeded motion; it is to face any resistance. 18 In the Jaina view there is no capacity of enjoyment in kārmaṇatarira but the gross body enjoys by the senses. Similarly, in the Samkhya view also lingatartra is devoid of the capacity of enjownent. 18

Although according to the Samkhya view, the dispositions like raga (attachment), etc., are the modifications of prakrti (Primordial Matter) lingatoring also is the modification of prakeri, and the other material objects are as such, even then the Samkhva does not deny the categorical divisions existing in all these modifications. It accepts three kinds of sarga (creation), viz. pratrava sarga (evolution of creation of intellect), tunmatric sarga (infra-atomic creation) and bhautika sarga (material evolution or creation).20 The dispositions, such as, raga (attachment), dresa (aversion), etc., are included in pratyava sarga21 and the subtle body is in tannatric sarga (infra-atomic creation or evolution of rudimentary elements).22 Similarly, in the Jaina view the dispositions like raga (attachment), etc., are produced from matter; and so also is the case with the karmic body. But the basic difference between these two views is that the material cause of dispositions is the soul and the efficient cause of them is matter, while the material cause of the karmic body is matter and the efficient cause is the soul. In the Samkhva view, Prakrti, even being non-sentient, behaves like the sentient principle due to its association with Purusa (Self).23 Similarly, in the Jaina view pudgaladravya (material substances), even being non-living, behaves like the living

¹¹ citram yathasrayamete sthanvadibhyo yatha vina chaya|tadvadvina avisesaih na tisthati nirasrayam lingam || Samkhyakarika, 41,

¹⁸ purvoipannamasaktam nityam mahadadisuksmaparyantamisamsarati nirupabhogam bhavqiradhivasitam lingam | Samkhyakarika, 40.

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²⁰ Tattvakaumudi, 52,53.

²¹ esa pratyayasargo viparyayasaktitustisiddhyakliyah/gunavaisamyavimarddiatasya bhedastu pancasat // Samkhyakarika, 46.

¹¹ na vina bhavairlingam, na vina lingena bhavanirvrtihllingakhyo bhavakhyostasmad dividhah pravartate sargah || Samkhyakarika, 52. na vina tili"lingam" iti tanmairasargamupalaksayati, "bhavaih", iti ca pratyayasargam || Ibid (comm.)

²³ Matharavetti, pp 9, 14, 33

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principle, when it undergoes modification into the form of karma by its association with the soul. The Jainas have admitted the union of the worldly soul and the non-living objects, such as, body, etc., like the union of milk and water. In the same manner the Samkhya accepts the union of Parusa (Self) and the non-living objects, such as, body, senses, intellect, etc., like the union of milk and water.²⁸

Bhāvakarma of Jaina Philosophy compares well with hāvav (disposition)¹⁸ of the Samkhya and vriti²⁰ of the Yoga, dravyakarma or kārmanatarbra with lingalarbra of the Samkhya. Both the Jaina and Samkhya
systems of thought do not admit any such cause as God in karmaphala
(fruition of action) and karmanispatti (performance of action). According to Jaina Philosophy, Soul is not really the forms—man, animal,
god, infernal being, etc., but the soul-supported karmic body, having
gone to different places of birth, builds up the forms of beings, such
as, man, god, infernal being, etc. In the Samkhya view also lingalrtra,
being soul-supported (purusādhistihin), makes bhuta sarga
(necration), such as, man, god, lower animals, etc.

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^{**} asti purusahisamphatapararthatvat, yatah samphatasca pararthahitasmat hetohi iha loke ye samphatasse purarthadistahiparyankarathasaramadayshi evam gatranam mahakatama samphatah samudaya parartha eval Matharavriti, 17, p. 29

²⁵ Samkhyakarika, 40

^{**} rupadisu (sabdadisu) pancanamalocanamatramisyate vrtiik/vacanadanavihara-notsuquanadasca pancanam/128 svalokunyam vrtiistryasya saita bharatyasa-manyalamanyakaramavith panadya vayuwah panac/195 syappoccanistyasya u vrtiik hzmasca taya nindista/drste tatha' apvahrste trayasya tat purika vrtiik/syamasca pankiyakarii.

⁴⁷ Matharakarika, 40, 44, 53

A Note on the First Stone-built Jain Temple at Madras

There are about twenty-three Jain temples in and around Madras City They are located in concrete made buildings and not built of stone. But the local Jain residents of T. Nagar have filled up this gap by raising a stone-built temple at G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar a suburb of the City. (see frontispiece)

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The Pratistha Ceremony of this magnificent temple was performed by Acarya Vikram Suriswaraji Maharaj in accordance with tradition and scribtural injunctions

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